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UNITED STATES
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

20 September 1954

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Dear Allen:

This is just to let you know that I received yours of the 17th, enclosing a copy of your memorandum for Foster, and to thank you for it.

Faithfully yours,

Lewis

Lewis L. Strauss

The Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D.C.

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The Honorable Lewis Strauss
Chairman
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D. C.

Dear Lewis:

I enclose a copy of a brief note which I sent to Foster this morning via Janet, to bring him up to date with regard to the Soviet test matter.

As regards paragraph three, we have now received confirmation [] will follow our lead in the matter of any announcement of previous knowledge of the test.

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I am quite open-minded on the suggestion that you made through [] regarding a possible statement. I am inclined to think that this is a matter for State Department and you rather than for CIA. Insofar as the intelligence implications are concerned, I have no particular worry about the consequences of maintaining silence and this seems to be somewhat in line with the original thoughts of the Boss.

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Faithfully yours,

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